

No. 6926	號六十二百九千六第	日九初月正年辰庚緒光	HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 1880.	三拜禮	號八十月二英	港香	PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH.
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INTIMATIONS

Steamship

"DOUGLAS."
Young, will be despatched to the above
on SUNDAY, the 22nd instant, at Day-
light, freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAMPAK & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1880. [329]

FOR HANGKONG
Steamship

"BALE."
Thompson, Commander, will be despatched
to Kowloon Port on TUESDAY, the 23rd
at Daylight.
Freight or Passage, apply to
TUN SAT HONG,
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1880. [329]

DENTAL NOTICE

ROGERS leaves Hongkong on the 1st
of April for Shanghai, at which port he will
be during the summer.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1880 [32]

POSTPONEMENT.

ANGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.
ANNUAL MEETING of SHARE-
HOLDERS is unavoidably POSTPONED till
FRIDAY, February 21st, at 3 P.M.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Kowloon, 16th February, 1890. 1324
NAVAL CONTRACT, 1890-ST.

us of SUPPLYING the following ARTICLES for the use of H.M. Navy for the year 1871, viz. —

RAISINS.	—
COFF BREAD.	—
FRESH RICE.	—
FRESH BREAD.	SUGAR.
FRESH VEGETABLES.	TEA.
WATER.	

anted Forms of Tenders and further Particulars may be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.

It is the right to reject the lowest or any Tender received.

J. BICKMNER

Victualling Yard,
Hongkong, 16th February, 1886. [325
MONSIEUR EUGENE PIRON.
ANALYST, PIANIST, & CHOIR MASTER.
SINGING
AND
TRAINING OF THE VOICE.
MAJOR AND MINOR MODES.
with their Chorals,

—FRENCH LANGUAGE TAUGHT.
 GENE PIRÓN, No. 59, WINDHAM ST.
 FOR SALE, CHEAP.
 LARGE HORSE, and English PHÆ-
 TON, single and double, with HARNESS,
 complete. Address X. Z., Office of this
 Paper, 16th February, 1890. [1m310
 THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
 COMPANY, LIMITED.

ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.
The Eleventh Ordinary Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company is held at the Company's Office, 39, Queen's Victoria, at half-past Two o'clock in the afternoon of **FRIDAY, the 20th February**, 1879, for the purpose of receiving the Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1879.

A TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 7th to the 20th ult., both days inclusive.

Order,
JAS. B. CONNELL

Hongkong, 4th February, 1880. [267
 NOTICE.
 THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAM-
 BER OF COMMERCE.
 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
 MEMBERS OF THE HONGKONG GENERAL
 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held at the
 CHAMBER on MONDAY, the 3rd February,
 30 P.M.
 Order, E. GEORGE,
 Secretary.

**CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING
of the **SHAREHOLDERS** in the above Com-
pany will be held at the Office of the General
Agents on **FRIDAY, the 5th day of March**
at **3 o'clock P.M.**, for the purpose of re-
ceiving the Report of the General Agents, to-
gether with a Statement of Accounts to 31st
December, 1970.

General Agents.
Hongkong, 14th February, 1880. [312]

**INA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

N O T I C E.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
are CLOSED from the 24th February cur-
rent to 5th March next, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1880. [313]

CORPORATION.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
The **DIVIDEND**, declared for the half-year ending 31st December last, at the rate of **ONE PENNY STERLING PER SHARE** of \$125, is **PAYABLE** on and after **MONDAY**, the 16th **January**, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for **Warrants**.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

ONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A DIVIDEND at the rate of 4% or \$3
SHARES, declared at the Ordinary Half
Meeting of Shareholders held This Day,
payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANG-
HAI BANK on and after MONDAY, the 2nd
day next.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the
Office of the Company for Warrants.

P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1890. [201]

MAILS EXPECTED

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Ara*, with the next outward French mail, left Saigon at 3 p.m. on the 14th, and may be expected here this morning.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. and O. steamer *Lombardy*, with the next outward English mail, left Singapore at 6 p.m. on the 14th, and may be expected here on the 21st instant.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

Singapore, Swat, and London—To-day, the 18th instant, at 9 a.m.

For Hiohoo, Pakhoi, and Heiphong.—To-day, the 18th instant, at 11.30 a.m.

For Sutter and Shanghai.—For Europe, to-day, the 18th instant, at 4.30 p.m.

For Shanghai, Yokohama, and Hio-go.—To-day, the 18th instant, at 4.30 p.m.

Castello, to-day, the 18th instant, at 5 P.M.
 For Amoy, Taiwanfoo, and Tamsui.—For
 Haicong, to-morrow, the 19th inst, at 3.30 P.M.
 For Japan, via Kobe, per *Sumida Maru*, on
 Monday, the 20th instant, at 5 P.M. Contrab-
 rials.
 For Saigon.—On Friday, the 20th instant, at
 5 P.M.
 For Straits Settlements and Calcutta.—Per
Avrignon, *Aper*, and *Moray*, on Saturday, the
 21st instant, at 2.30 P.M.
 For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—Per
Douglas, on Saturday, the 21st inst, at 5 P.M.
 For Bangkok.—Per *Dala*, on Monday, the
 23rd instant, at 5 P.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
André, to-day, at 10.30 A.M.

The British Contract Packet "NIZAM" will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 18th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India (via Madras), Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

United Kingdom and Europe, *via* Brindisi; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar. This is the best opportunity for forwarding correspondence to Mauritius, E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACTS FOR MAILS.

THE FRENCH MAIL.—DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE.
5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.
DAY OF DEPARTURE.
7 A.M., Post Office opens.
10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.
11 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters.
11.10 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Letters of 18 cents until
11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.

11.40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 Cents until time of departure.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.—DAY OF DEPARTURE.

5 P.M., Money Order Office closes.

5.30 P.M., Post Office closes till 8 P.M., except the night box, which is always open out office hours.

8 P.M., Post Office opens.

9 P.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting all printed matter and patterns ceases.

10 P.M., mails closed, except for Late Letters.
10.10 P.M.: Letters may be posted with Late
Fee of 18 cents until
10.30 P.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.
10.40 P.M.: Late Letters may be posted on board
the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until
time of departure.

**MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS
PACKET.**
The Australian Contrast Packet "NORMAL
RY." will be despatched from Hongkong

THURSDAY, the 19th instant, with Mails for
Singapore, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cleve-
land Bay, Bowen, Koppell Bay, Brisbane, Sydney,
Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Melbourne
12 Cent Rates.

Correspondence cannot be registered after
11.30 A.M.

The Mails will be closed at 11.30 A.M. Sup-
plementary Mail on board with 18 cents late fee
till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western
Australia, if desired, by

POSTAGE TO AUSTRALIA, &c.
1.—The following change in the Postal system between Hongkong and the Australian Colonies (Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji) come into operation on February 1st.
2.—The Postage on letters via Torres Strait by whatever opportunity, is reduced to 12 cents per half ounce. Rates on other articles continue as hitherto.

3.—**Lotter Postage** via Gallé alone remains constant per half ounce. Mails will be made up for this route by each French Packet, instead of by each alternate one as heretofore. The service from Gallé is now fortnightly instead of every four weeks as before.

4.—No mails whatever are despatched to Australia, &c., by British Packets.

5.—Enquiries are frequently made if, when the steamer is going, say to Sydney only, correspondence can be forwarded to New Zealand, Tahiti, &c. The answer is, No; it must go to the full destination.

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made of the Australasian Colonies are made up
every steamer which calls at any one of them.

Correspondence for the West Indies (except
those belonging to the Postal Union, the Antilles,
hama, and Hayti), for Monte Video, Paraguay
and Uruguay can no longer be sent by San
Francisco.

A Pillar Box has been established at the West
Police Station (opposite the Sailors' Club).

Home), and another at the South front of the Harbour Department.

The hours of clearance are as follows:—

	A.M.	P.M.
West Point	10.00	2.00
Harbour Department	10.15	2.15

Letters arrive at the Post Office 10.30* 2.30* 4.40*

Correspondence of all kinds posted in either box before the first clearance on mail day will be in time for the Homeward Mail.

All correspondence for Hongkong will be delivered to the Hongkong Post Office.

Residents who keep a postage account with this Office may post local correspondence in these boxes without stamps, provided the sender's name or recognised device appears on each article.

Local correspondence means that for Hong Kong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China.

* Mails closing at this hour will be kept open till the Messenger arrives from the Pillar Boxes.

STAMP OFFICE.

The above Office being now provided with 3-cent die, Books of Receipts, Rent Collectors' Books, &c., can be stamped beforehand in the same manner as Cheque Books. Loose receipts can also be stamped if required.

INDEMNITY FOR THE LOSS OF A REGISTERED LETTER.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered Correspondence, but henceforth it will be prepared to make good

the contents of such correspondence must be passing through the Post, to the extent of \$100 in certain cases, provided —

- 1.— That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.
- 2.— That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.
- 3.— That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also lost.

4.—That the Postmaster-General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal Administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5.—No compensation can be paid for the damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handsomely bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken

deteriorated condition.

